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OIL OPERATORS ARE ADVISED TO REDUCE OUTPUT

While the partial resumption of the oil export trade has relieved the stringency in the crude petroleum market to some extent, the situation in the fields is far from being satisfactory, for the big refining and marketing concerns are still struggling with an unwieldy production, which threatens to tax storage capacity to the limit, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The efforts to bring about a general curtailment of production and development work in the California fields have not been uniformly successful, according to reports, and operators in all districts are still being advised to heed the appeals of the Standard and other companies to reduce their production as far as possible, so that the general good of the industry will be served.

In accordance with its recently declared policy of curtailment, the Independent Producers' Agency has taken another and more effective step toward checking the production of fuel oil among its members. The executive committee has announced that during the month of September runs of oil from member companies of the agency shall not exceed 50 per cent of the amount received in August. This order will of course force many operators to reduce their output, and some may even be obliged to shut down entirely.

This move is not surprising, for the agency has been enforcing its appeal for curtailment, as far as its members were concerned, by refusing to take their surplus production. The cut of 50 per cent in the deliveries was probably decided upon at the instigation of the Union Oil Company, which warned its stockholders in a report issued a few weeks ago that operations for the balance of the present year would probably be more or less seriously interfered with, particularly as regards exportations of fuel oil. Both the Union and Standard companies are planning to resume fuel oil exportations on the former large scale as fast as the purchasing markets develop. This will probably take some time, for, as already stated in these columns, the fuel requirements of South American and other countries formerly supplied from here have been reduced to far below the normal, owing to the depression in commodity markets caused by the European war.

The announcement that only 50 per cent of the amount of oil taken from members in August would be received during the present month was not the only event which attracted attention to the affairs of the independent producers' agency recently. Member companies received 41 cents a barrel for their oil sold during the month of July, an advance of 2 cents a barrel over the returns for June and the highest price received in more than two years. Sales in July amounted to 85 per cent of the oil delivered during the month.

It is not expected that the August price will reach the July level, for it is certain that the sales were smaller last month, or the order to reduce daily runs would not have been sent out. The obvious decrease in sales demonstrates that marketing conditions were affected by other things besides the presence of hostile warships in the Pacific.

It has been stated that surplus funds amounting to the sum of \$200,000 will be distributed among the members of the agency shortly. This money represents an accumulation over and above expenses during 1913. The distribution may have been decided upon at this time to offset the loss entailed by the decreased demand for fuel oil, which is all that the agency handles. The distribution, if it is made, will be based on past production.

The Maseet Oil Company, which was obliged to pass its monthly dividend last month, has shut down its thirty-eight wells in the Midway field. The Maseet production is all fuel, and in stopping production the management acted on the belief that it was better to allow the oil to remain in the ground than to take it out when the market conditions were so unfavorable. The company has not been operating its Midway property to full capacity of late, owing to the falling off in the demand for fuel. All of the company's production has been going to the Union Oil Company.

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Pope Benedict XV Imposes The Red Hat Upon Four Cardinals



Pope Benedict XV, successor to Pius X, from photograph taken a few weeks before his election to the papacy.

[By Latest Mail] ROME, Italy.—The first consistory of Pope Benedict was marked by a gorgeous display in the apparel of those present and decorations of the papal court. The nativity of the Virgin was chosen for this occasion by the pontiff himself.

The participation was limited almost entirely to ecclesiastics and officials of the Vatican. Many relatives of the Pope occupied seats in a special tribune.

Surrounded by almost all the cardinals in Rome, the Pope was carried into the consistory on the Gestatoria chair and greeted with loud applause.

His holiness imposed the red hat on the members of the consistory. The petroleum Company has abandoned for the present the project of erecting a large refinery with adequate storage facilities at a point near New Orleans, which would be accessible to the company's tank steamers.

Dutch-Shell Pipe Line. All rumors to the effect that the construction of the Dutch-Shell pipe line from Coalinga to San Francisco was held up on account of the European war were set at rest last Friday when the Valley Pipe Line Company, a subsidiary of the foreign combine, made application to the Railroad Commission for authority to finance the construction of the line.

Although all rights of way have not yet been secured, there is no reason to believe that the route of the line will differ to any extent from that originally planned. The line will have a capacity of 15,000 barrels a day and it will be used exclusively for the output of the California Oilfields Company, Turner, W. K., and other properties recently taken over by the syndicate.

European Oil Supply. Mail advices from London say that many experts have been at work getting out figures and facts with regard to European oil supplies and the war situation. One of the most interesting of these surveys starts by comparing the production of crude oil in the four European oil-producing countries, either directly or indirectly concerned. The production in these countries last year was as follows:

Russia, 9,325,894 tons; Roumania, 1,883,384 tons; Austria (Galicia), 1,087,286 tons; Germany (estimate), 130,000 tons. Up to June this year Russia, which has the largest production—far exceeding that of the other three countries—put together was producing at about the same rate as last year. There had been somewhat of a decline in the output of the oilfields of the Baku district, but this was counterbalanced by an increase in the Grossny production and also in that of the Ural Enba district at the north end of the

Cardinal Anthony Menendez Bello, patriarch of Lisbon; Cardinal Guiseppe Menendez, archbishop of Toledo; Cardinal Pini, archbishop of Vienna; and Johann Csernoch, primate of Hungary. The latter is the only new appointment.

Following this ceremony the pontiff delivered his allocution. In this address he urged the necessity of strengthening and elevating religious feeling throughout the world, as the only remedy to society for the evils of today so strikingly shown in the deplorable conflict now rending Europe. The faithful must pray fervently for the cessation of this warfare, the pontiff declared, asking especially the intercession of the Virgin.

Caspian sea. The Maikop production remained practically stationary. It should be stated with regard to Russian oilfields generally that the labor market does not suffer from the mobilization so much as might be expected, a majority of the workmen being either Tartars or Persians and not liable to military service. Throughout hostilities, therefore, we may expect the Russian fields to produce large quantities of oil and that these quantities will be amply sufficient, if requisitioned by the government, to provide for the war needs of the Russian empire in the way of fuel oil and the like.

The current production of Galicia and the large stocks of crude oil have already been requisitioned by the Austrian government. The production in these fields is bound to suffer by the mobilization; but, on the other hand, since the Austrian government desires a continual supply of crude oil, the fields will not be unduly deprived of their staff, and in this way production for government purposes may be kept up.

An important point about the Galician fields is that they lie within a comparatively short distance of the Russian frontier. This district is particularly well fortified. It is, therefore, a matter for the military expert rather than for one experienced in the petroleum industry to say how far these fields are subject to the risk of Russian invasion. So far as Germany is concerned we have only to deal with an oil industry on a comparatively small scale, producing from 130,000 to 140,000 tons of crude oil per annum, the quantity having been pretty regular over a series of years.

Roumania is—or was until the war broke out—a great and growing source of supply of oil to Germany. But although in times of peace the Danube is an admirable route from the Roumanian oil fields into the heart of Germany, in time of war it has the fatal weakness that he who commands the Danube can block the whole traffic.

MYSTERY NOW SURROUNDS KIYO MARU

There is much mystery now attendant the long detention of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha passenger and freight liner Kiyo Maru, which has ridden at anchor a few miles off Hilo, Hawaii, for more than a fortnight, while on board dissonance has arisen among 500 Asiatic passengers consisting for the most part of Chinese destined for South America, where employment awaits them in the railroad, lumber and nitrate camps. The men are declared to be under contract to reach a South American port on a certain date. They have become restive over what they now pronounce an unreasonable delay.

Weeks ago the local Chinese consulate is said to have been assured by the Japanese government that adequate protection to vessels flying the Mikado's flag, as well as to the merchantmen of the Allies on the Pacific would be forthcoming. With this guarantee hundreds of Chinese took advantage of the opportunity to proceed to a new field of employment.

In addition to advices received locally through governmental sources William H. Avery, assistant general manager for the T. K. K., is now declared to have cables from Japan that Japanese warships had been stationed along all trans-Pacific steamship lanes to keep the hostile Germans from preying on overseas commerce. The assurance was also given that the route between San Francisco and Honolulu was guarded by two of the Mikado's fighting craft, the Izumo and the Asama having been designated for this particular line of duty. Two other Japanese war vessels are announced to have been detailed over a course from Hawaii to the coast of Asia.

With this alleged protection the colony of travelers in the Kiyo Maru are much mystified at what they declare is an unwarranted delay when but half way to their destination.

In its official announcement the T. K. K. is also reported to have stated "the Imperial Government evidently is not willing to allow any interruption in the traffic, because it realizes that the Orient, on account of the war in Europe, must be served by the United States," said bemiss yesterday. "This measure on behalf of the Government shows its appreciation of American commerce and its importance of maintaining the traffic relations between these two ports. The Nippon Maru, one of our smaller ships, is now serving as a transport, but the big turnbushers Shinyo Maru, Chiyu Maru and Tenyo Maru will continue on their scheduled between San Francisco and the Orient."

Missourian Away With Record Cargo. The last of 110,000 cases of preserved pines were placed into the American-Hawaiian freighter Missourian at Hilo yesterday during the brief visit of General Freight Agent C. P. Morse.

The vessel was dispatched for New York by the way of Panama canal this morning, taking 11,500 tons of cargo of which about 7000 tons consisted of sugar supplied at the several islands ports. The consignment of board are said to represent the largest shipment for the Atlantic seaboard are said to represent the largest shipment to leave the territory in a single bottom. The American-Hawaiian steamer Virginian, to follow the Missourian at Hilo, will be dispatched with about 75,000 cases, according to advance reports in the hands of Mr. Morse.

Returns from Missouri show that Senator William J. Stone has been re-nominated on the Democratic ticket by an overwhelming majority.

Ronald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, who was to have sailed for the North Pole next summer, has postponed his expedition for one year.

The question of oil as contraband of war is not here discussed, but this would be a further complicating factor in the situation.

As the result of a general consensus of views, the following facts may be broadly stated:

1—Russia has sufficient supplies of oil fuel and other petroleum products for war purposes.

2—Roumania, should she take an active part, would have an abundance of these resources.

3—Austria has quite sufficient for her own needs, and probably sufficient for those of Germany for an indefinite period, should she work the producing fields to the fullest possible extent and utilize the present large stocks of crude oil.

4—Germany has only a small supply within her own borders. Of the three sources by which her supplies may be augmented, one, the United States, is closed to her; the second, Roumania, subject to the vicissitudes of the Danube route, and the third, Austria, depends upon the goodwill of the latter, which, according to the latest reports, is not very favorable.

NEPTUNE WAS GOOD TO THE WILHELMINA

Neptune smiled upon the outward voyage of the Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmina, that this morning steamed to a berth at Pier 15 before 8 o'clock following a few minutes' delay only at the quarantine owing to the presence on board of Dr. W. F. James of the federal public health service, who yesterday mustered passengers, officers and crew of the Wilhelmina and passing each in review granted pratique to the vessel. A. B. Brown, representing the immigration service, also a passenger, attended to the formalities demanded by that department.

With the largest cargo of mainland produce of the season the Wilhelmina met with fine weather throughout the entire voyage, stated Captain Peter Johnson, the veteran navigator. Merchandise totaling 6233 tons will be left at Honolulu and Hilo before the vessel steams for San Francisco on October 7. Departing from San Francisco on September 25 the vessel covered the distance in five days and 19 hours. The passengers included 81 cabin and 16 steerage. At sea the vessel transferred two stowaways brought by the Matsonia. The men were sent across in small boats at 9 o'clock at night. Mail amounting to 329 sacks arrived in the Wilhelmina.

Small Lots of Sugar Remain.

Only smaller lots of sugar now await shipment from the island of Hawaii to the mainland according to a report brought to this city this morning by Purser Phillips of the steamer Mauna Kea. The following list is reported: Waialea 7900, Hilo Sugar Co. 14,266, Onomea 1624, Hakalau 22,900, Kaiwika 12,100, Hymakua Mill 7800, Paauhau 10,000, Honokaa 600, Punaluu 10,362, Honuapo 4460 sacks.

VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

(Special Wireless to Merchants' Exchange.)

Tuesday, September 29.
HILO.—Sailed, September 29, 6:30 a. m., S. S. Missourian for Balboa.
SYDNEY.—Sailed, September 26, S. S. Sonoma for Honolulu.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

On statutory ground Chan Fook has filed a petition in circuit court asking a divorce from Ana Fook.

A meeting of the members of St. Andrew's Guild and auxiliary is being held this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. E. Kopke, 1535 Kewalo street.

The members of the Catholic Ladies' Aid Society will meet in the mauka pavilion of the Young hotel at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

The initial meeting of the members of the new federal grand jury has been called for October 12, while the trial jury will meet October 26. Subpoenas now are being served on local jurors for the October term by Deputy Marshal David K. Sherwood.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST CIRCUIT, Territory of Hawaii, In Probate—At Chambers. In the matter of the estate of Marie Orr Buffett, deceased.

Order of Notice of Petition for Allowance of Accounts, Determining Trust and Distributing the Estate.

On Reading and Filing the Petition and accounts of Claude Buffett, administrator of the estate of Marie Orr Buffett, deceased, wherein petitioner asks to be allowed \$693.90 and charged, with \$2041.70, and asks that the same be examined and approved, and that a final order be made of distribution of the remaining property to the persons thereto entitled and discharging petitioner and sureties from all further responsibility hereon:

It is Ordered, that Friday, the 6th day of November, A. D. 1914, at 9 o'clock A. M. before the judge presiding at Chambers of said Court at his Courtroom in the Judiciary building, in Honolulu, County of Honolulu, be and the same hereby is appointed the time and place for hearing said Petition and Accounts, and that all persons interested may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted, and may present evidence as to who are entitled to the said property.

By the Court, J. A. DOMINIS, Clerk, Circuit Court, First Circuit. Dated the 28th day of September, 1914.

Alfred H. Doherty, Jr., attorney for petitioner. DATED: 29, Oct. 6, 1914.

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PASSENGERS ARRIVED

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